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Grade 4 Reading

Date _____

Theme 2 Selection 1

“Tomas and the Library Lady”

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following happens right before Tomas pressed his nose against the library window and peeked in?

- a) The library lady tapped him on the shoulder.
- b) He stood in front of the library doors.
- c) Tomas drank some cold water.
- d) Tomas walked downtown.

2. According to the beginning of the story, what happens after Tomas’ family arrives in Iowa?

- a) He played ball with his brother.
- b) Tomas and Enrique carried water to the parents who were working in the field.
- c) Tomas wanted a glass of cold water.
- d) He helped his Papa Grande climb down from the car.

3. Why do Tomas and his brother play with a ball that Mama had sewn instead of a new ball?

- a) There aren’t any stores nearby to buy a new ball.
- b) The hand-sewn ball is easier to throw.
- c) His family is too poor to buy new toys.
- d) They lost the new ball in the fields.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

“Tomas would you like to borrow two library books?”

Which word means the opposite of borrow?

- a) own
- b) tunnel
- c) use for awhile
- d) eager

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5. On page 172, what does the author mean when she says ‘Tomas smelled the smoke at an Indian camp and rode a black horse across a hot dusty desert’?

- a) Tomas lives near an Indian camp and a desert
- b) Tomas is using his imagination as he enjoys reading the books
- c) Tomas reads books and visits other places near his home
- d) Tomas has other interests besides going to the library

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. Which word is an antonym for eager?

- a) lazy
- b) excited
- c) enthusiastic
- d) interested

8. How would you describe the library lady?

- a) grouchy and quiet
- b) hard-working and shy
- c) caring and trusting
- d) angry and tired

9. Which event happened last in the story?

- a) The library lady allows Tomas to check out books in her name.
- b) Tomas brought Papa Grande to the library.
- c) The library lady gives Tomas a shiny new book to keep.
- d) Tomas teaches the library lady Spanish words.

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Open-ended Response

Think about the character Tomas in the selection, “Tomas and the Library Lady”. Are you like Tomas? Write a paragraph to explain your answer. Use at least two examples from the selection to support your answer.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Sequence	R4.B.1.1
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3	c	Inference	R4.A.1.3.1
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6	d	Genre	R4.A.1.6
7	a	Antonyms	R4.A.1.1.2
8	c	Inference	R4.A.1.3.1
9	c	Sequence	R4.B.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Tomas and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the response.

2 Points

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Tomas and uses 1 example from the selection.

1 Point

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Tomas without using examples from the selection.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete